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SUBJ: VISIT OF INSPECTOR GENERAL TODD

1. INSPECTOR GENERAL FOR FOREIGN ASSISTANCE WEBSTER B. TODD VISITED MALI IN RESPONSE TO AN INVITATION FROM MINISTER OF DEFENSE AND DROUGHT COORDINATOR KISSIMA DOUKARA FROM JUNE 21 THROUGH JUNE 26.

2. UTILIZING KING GRAIN AIRCRAFT, MINISTER OF DEFENSE, MR TODD, AMBASSADOR AND AADO UNDERTOOK TOUR OF SIXTH REGION, ORGANIZED BY GOM. GROUP VISITED GOUNDAM, TRAVELED BY LANDROVER TO TIMBUCTU, THEN FLEW TO TESSALIT AND GAO. WILLIAM CRAUMER AND EMBASSY OFFICER ACCOMPANIED BY MINISTRY OF DEFENSE OFFICIAL VISITED THE FIRST REGION, KAYES AND NIORO, BY GOM AIRCRAFT. TRIPS WERE VERY WELL ORGANIZED BY GOM AND GROUP GOT ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME BEING ALLOWED TO SEE AND PHOTOGRAPH ANYTHING DESIRED AT EVERY STOP. IMPRESSIONS OF VISITS TO CAMPS WILL BE SUBJECT SEPTEL.

3. MORNING OF JUNE 25 AMBASSADOR AND INSPECTOR GENERAL  
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CALLED UPON PRESIDENT MOUSSA TRAORE AT LATTER'S REQUEST.

ALSO PRESENT WAS MINISTER DEFENSE DOUKARA. PRESIDENT TRAORE ASKED THE INSPECTOR GENERAL TO CONVEY TO THE AMERICAN PEOPLE AND THE AMERICAN GOVT THE SINCERE AND PROFOUND GRATITUDE OF THE PEOPLE AND GOVERNMENT OF MALI FOR THE ASSISTANCE THE U.S. HAS FURNISHED DURING THIS PERIOD OF DROUGHT. HE NOTED THAT FOR THE SECOND YEAR THE U.S. LED ALL DONORS IN ITS ASSISTANCE TO MALI. THE PRESIDENT WENT ON TO SAY THAT THE MOST IMPORTANT THING FOR THE GOVT OF MALI THAT THE INTERNATIONAL DONOR COMMUNITY COULD DO WAS TO UNDERTAKE PROJECTS WHICH WOULD IN THE FUTURE ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE. HE SAID THAT MALI FULLY RECOGNIZED THAT IT COULD NOT AND DID NOT EXPECT "AID, AID, AID, AID" FOR AN INDEFINITE PERIOD, BUT THAT IT MUST BE ABLE TO MAKE ITSELF SELF-SUFFICIENT IN FOODSTUFF AND BETTER ABLE TO WITHSTAND THE EFFECTS OF ANY FUTURE DROUGHTS. TO DO THIS, HE SAID, THE MOST IMPORTANT THING WAS TO DEVELOPMENT THE MANAGEMENT OF MALI'S WATER RESOURCES. THIS, HE CONTINUED, REQUIRED DAMS AND CANALS AND HE NOTED THAT THE MINISTER OF DEFENSE HAD PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED A CANAL PROGRAM WITH THE AMBASSADOR (BAMAKO 0941). HE AGREED THAT IMPROVEMENT OF MALI'S ROAD NETWORK WAS IMPORTANT BUT, HE SAID, WHY HAVE ROADS IF THERE IS NO WATER. A WAY MUST BE FOUND TO PROVIDE A LIVELIHOOD BOTH FOR THE SEDENTARY FARMERS OF MALI AND FOR THE NOMADS. THE GOAL OF MALIAN POLICY TOWARD THE REFUGEE WAS TO DO AWAY WITH THE REFUGEE CAMPS BUT TO DO THIS THE REFUGEE MUST HAVE SOME PLACE TO GO WHERE HE WOULD BE ABLE TO LIVE. EVENTUALLY, HE SAID, THE TRADITIONAL NOMAD WAY OF LIFE WOULD HAVE TO BE MODIFIED, THAT IT WAS NO LONGER A WAY OF LIFE THAT COULD BE SUSTAINED. HERE AGAIN WAS THE PROBLEM OF MANAGEMENT OF WATER.

4. FOLLOWING THE MEETING WITH THE PRESIDENT, INSPECTOR GENERAL TODD, AMBASSADOR AND AADO REVIEWED PROBLEMS POSED BY THE DROUGHT AND GOM DESIGN TO DEVELOP MALIAN SELF-SUFFICIENCY IN THE FUTURE WITH MINISTER DEFENSE. DOUKARA EXPLAINED MALIAN PRIORITIES IN FACE OF THE DROUGHT AS BEING FIRST TO FEED THE VICTIMS OF THE DROUGHT, SECONDLY TO REDUCE MALIAN DEPENDENCE ON THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SINGLE RAILWAY FROM DAKAR AND THE SINGLE HIGHWAY FROM ABIDJAN, AND SIMULTANEOUSLY AND THIRDLY TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FACT THAT MALI HAS A RAINY SEASON OF ABOUT THREE MONTHS FOLLOWED BY A COOL SEASON OF SOME FOUR MONTHS WHICH COULD BE USED TO GROW CROPS PROVIDED THE WATER WAS AVAILABLE. AGAIN DOUKARA EMPHASIZED THE NECESSITY FOR DEVELOPING BOTH AGRICULTURE AND CATTLE GRAZING THROUGH THE CANAL OF THE VALLE DU SERPENT, WHICH HE SAID WOULD

GO FAR TOWARDS STOPPING THE ENCROACHMENT OF THE DESERT,  
INCREASING THE SELF-SUFFICIENCY OF THE SAHEL PORTION OF  
MALI, AND MAKING THE COUNTRY BETTER ABLE TO WITHSTAND  
FUTURE DROUGHTS.

5. COMMENT: FROM THE STANDPOINT OF U.S. MALI RELATIONS  
AND PROVIDING A COMPREHENSIVE VIEW OF GOM ORGANIZATION  
BOTH TO MEET THE EMERGENCY AND TO UNDERTAKE LONGER  
PROJECTS TO DEVELOP THE COUNTRY, INSPECTOR GENERAL  
TODD'S VISIT WAS A NOTABLE SUCCESS.  
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